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「自分がこんなふうに動けたらカッコイイだろうな」ということを考えたりしながら漫画を描きます。ナオヤくんたちが走り回り、アクションするのを描くのは、とても難しいですが、とても楽しいです。私は運動は苦手で、運動オンチレベルから才能なんて欠片もありませんが、憧れだけで絵は描けますので、意外と「不得意なもの」が、別の「得意なもの」を育てるのかもしれませんね。

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りおの研究を盗んだ
実行犯から呼び出しを
受けたナオヤは、―
危険な誘いと知りつつも
ミラ達とボストンへ向かう。
敵スパイが呼び出した真意と、
そこでナオヤ達を待ち受けるものとは…!?
一方所長は、親会社社長に呼び出され
エイス存亡に関わる宣告を受けて…。
皆が留守中のエイスでの
真理さんの奮闘編も収録!!

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BEEP
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BEEP
SFX SNORE
SFX ZZZ

SFX POPS UP
ばっ
Ho—
Umm?!
BEEPEEPEEPEEP
SFX DASH
RING RING RING
Bath-bath-bath...
BEEP EEP
Mmph...
Oh dear! How long did I sleep?
SFX BAP

I just reached San Jose Airport.
Naoya-kun!
Ah, Mari-san.
BIP
RING-ING♪
Hello, hello! This is Mari!
SFX: TOSS
I haven't been scolded, but it sure is scary.
Are you okay? Mira-san isn't scolding you?
Yup!
So you're on time!
Alrighty, gotcha!
Be careful, Naoya-kun. Don't be reckless, 'kay?
Tee hee!
Really?!
SFX: PAT, PAT
Then, when you get back I'll pat your head...

...RIGHT NOW...
Just leave it to me!
Eighth will be fine.
SFX GLUG, GLUG, GLUG
Mmmh...
EIGHTH'S CHIEF IS BEING CALLED FOR BY MANY PLACES.
SFX WHAP
SFX PLOP
ペト
Okay!
Milk Fruit
MANGO

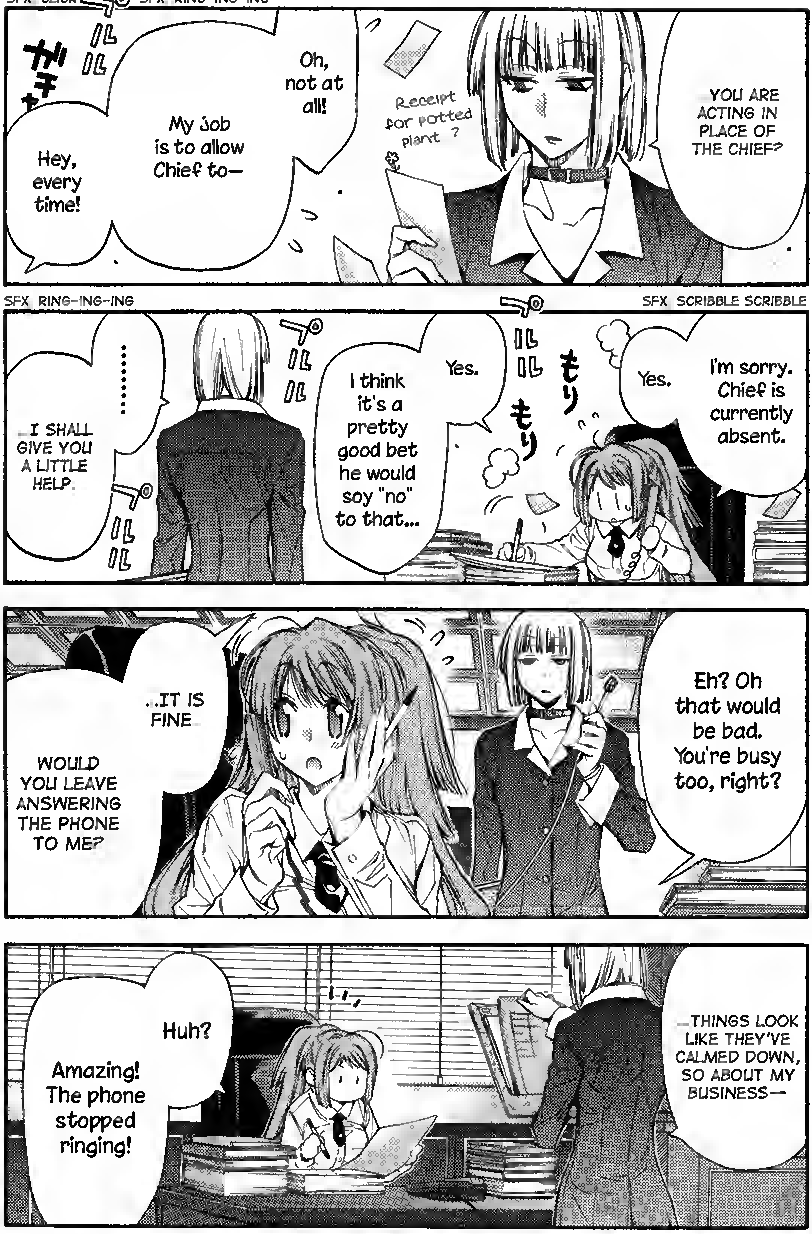
Operation.39.5
Governor of EIGHTH RESEARCH

GOOD MORNING, MARI-SAN.
SFX: STEP, STEP
Good morning, David!
YOU ARRIVED HERE AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.
THE PRESS IS GATHERED AT THE ENTRANCE AND MAKING A BIG COMMOTION.
Yes, Chief did say he would be in the Caribbean...
EH?! THE CHIEF'S AT A RESORT, AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
The vacation was discussed two years ago.
SFX: STEP, STEP, STEP
.....
It's thanks to that things can continue as normal right now.

SFX OPEN
I'll provide support so that all the company employees can do their jobs.
I'll be here in Chief's office today.
YES MA'AM
If there is anything, contact me immediately.
SFX THWUMP
どっさり
A LOT OF MESSAGES HAVE ALREADY COME IN
Uhh— Whoa!
VERBAL MESSAGES AND DOCUMENTS TO BE EXAMINED ARE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER ON THE DESK
What "gathered?"
ALSO, EXCUSE ME- BUT IF YOU COULD FAST TRACK THIS...
AND THIS, AND THIS ONE TOO...
No way
Now I know how Chief feels

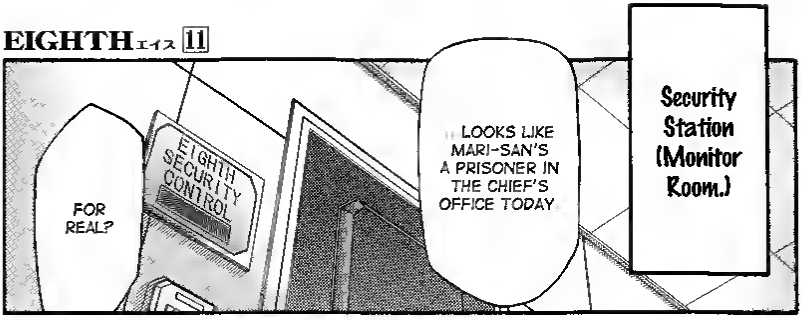
SFX BEEP-BEEP
SFX RING-ING-ING
Yes.
The FDA is in the middle of investi-gating...
No.
As I said, Eighth doesn't have anything to...
SFX RING-ING-ING
Yes.
I can't approve it at this moment, sorry!
Yes. If you would be so kind as to put it off for a day, Chief Shinya will send a reply.
SFX CLICK
Whew~
SFX RING-ING-ING
Oh~ ho...

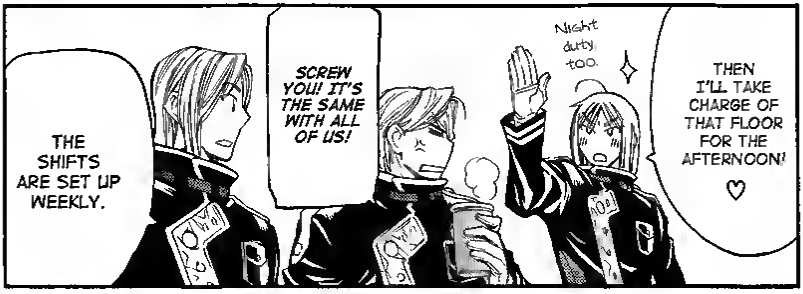
SFX: RING-ING-ING-ING-ING
SFX: OPEN
EXCUSE ME, MARI.
Heya, come on in!
SFX: CLICK
EIGHTH IS IN AN AWFUL UPROAR
Oh my, Naomi-san!
Please, watch this!
SFX: CLICK
If you hang up a call...
SFX: RING-ING-ING
...The next one jumps right in!
HA HA HA HA
ARE YOU OKAY?

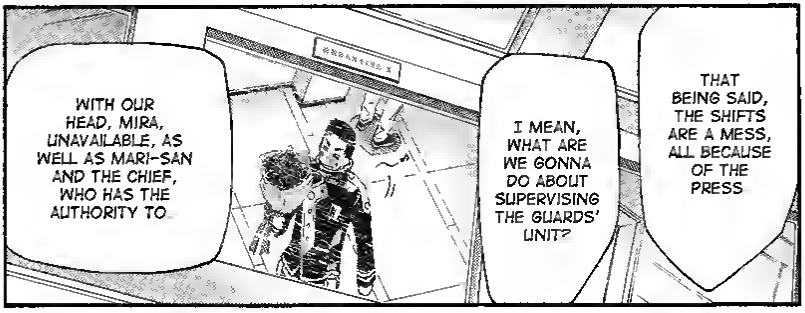

SFX: CLICK
SFX: RING-ING-ING
カチャ
Hey, every time!
My job is to allow Chief to—
Oh, not at all!
Receipt for potted plant ?
YOU ARE ACTING IN PLACE OF THE CHIEF?
SFX: RING-ING-ING
SFX: SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
もり もり
I'm sorry. Chief is currently absent.
Yes.
I think it's a pretty good bet he would say "no" to that...
Yes.
.....
...I SHALL GIVE YOU A LITTLE HELP.
Eh? Oh that would be bad. You're busy too, right?
...IT IS FINE
WOULD YOU LEAVE ANSWERING THE PHONE TO ME?
...THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY'VE CALMED DOWN, SO ABOUT MY BUSINESS—
Huh?
Amazing! The phone stopped ringing!

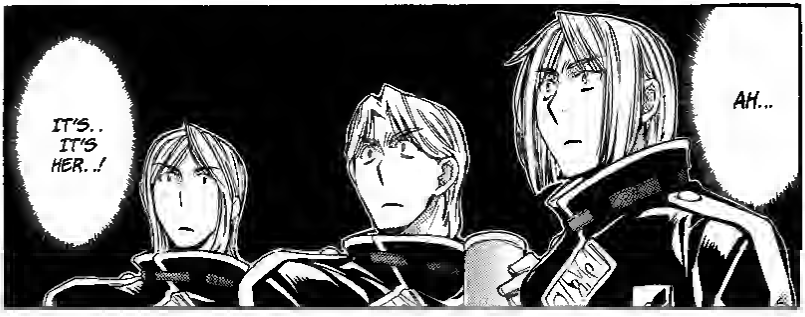
SFX: FLIP
A PETITION CAME MY WAY FROM EIGHTH RESEARCH'S VEGETATION DIVISION...
Vegeta-tion Div... Oh, yes.
It's about strawberries from inter-ferons, right? I heard about that...
SFX: STANDS
A FAULT WAS FOUND IN THE DOCUMENTATION, SO COULD YOU ARRANGE FOR THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE TO CORRECT IT?
Under-stood!
Then, I'll be gone for a little bit.
YOU'RE GOING?
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO CALL THEM HERE?
Nope!
I can't have the employees at my beck and call.
SFX: EEP
..YOU JUST WANT TO GET OUT, DON'T YOU..?
N-No, not at all!
I mean, Chief's not here after all.

SFX: DASH LOUDLY
I'll call you back!
Yes!
SFX: RING-A-LING-A-LING♫
Yes?
Even so, with Chief not here, getting approval is a bit—
SFX: RING-A-LING-A-LING♫
Hello, this is Mari—
Yes... Eh? Interviewing the researchers?!
That's today?!
Oh, right, so it was!
SFX: STOP
About that, we're changing the day Chief and the department head will meet... Yes, understood!
But you'll have to accept Chief's final decision...
Well, he might be able to call the department head today, but...
...No!
Oh, I would hate to end up breaking an appointment about that...
After that a phone call
Then there's HF...
Um, 3E's
And later there's that, like so
Fine then, how about you just do what's already been approved?!
RIGHT NOW, ANYONE CAN GET INTO EIGHTH...


Security Station (Monitor Room.)
...LOOKS LIKE MARI-SAN'S A PRISONER IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE TODAY
EIGHTH SECURITY CONTROL
FOR REAL?

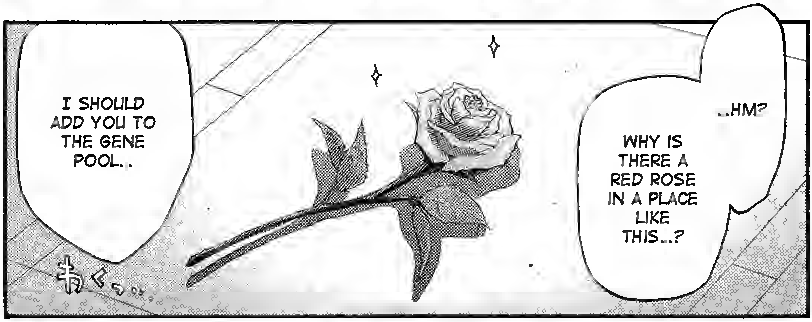

THEN I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF THAT FLOOR FOR THE AFTERNOON! ♡
Night duty too.
SCREW YOU!! IT'S THE SAME WITH ALL OF US!
THE SHIFTS ARE SET UP WEEKLY.


THAT BEING SAID, THE SHIFTS ARE A MESS, ALL BECAUSE OF THE PRESS
I MEAN, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO ABOUT SUPERVISING THE GUARDS' UNIT?
WITH OUR HEAD, MIRA, UNAVAILABLE, AS WELL AS MARI-SAN AND THE CHIEF, WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO...

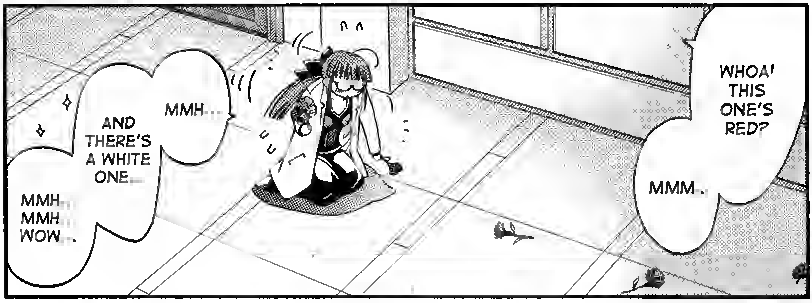

AH...
IT'S.. IT'S HER..!

HUH- HEY!
LOOK AT THAT MONITOR. MARI-SAN IS IN THE RESEARCH BUILDING!
And she looks like she's in bird
IT'S TRUE...
THAT'S. SHE'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF DR. ANGELA'S RESEARCH LAB!
SFX: FOOLS RUSHING IN
WHAT'S HAPPENED MARI-SAAAAAN?!
Dr. Angela didn't answer when I called her, so I wondered if she was okay...
SFX: BIP BIP BIP
THE DOOR'S LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE, SO IT WON'T OPEN.
THOUGH SHE SHOULD BE INSIDE...
AH...
I'LL TRY RAISING THE VOLUME ON THE INTERIOR MICRO-PHONE.
...SHE'S SLEEPING.

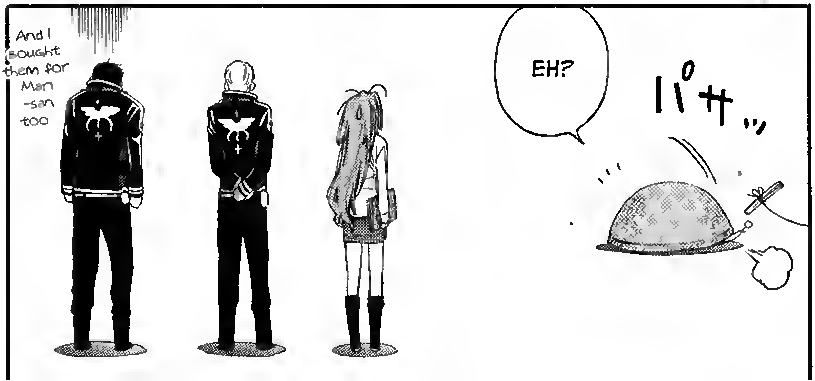
AH, YOU SURE SEEM TO BE IN A BAD MOOD...
SHUT UP! I'M SLEEPY!
An error has been corrected. Can't you confirm and sign it?
HELL NO. IT'S A PAIN! I'M NOT COMING OUT!
Naoya-kun isn't here either.
MAYBE NAOYA COULD DO IT.
But, Chief isn't here!
WHEN SHE'S LIKE THIS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ASK THE CHIEF.
SECURITY
MARI-SAN, WEREN'T YOU IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE ..?
HUH?!
There are too many things I'm just not capable of dealing with.
Aaah... We're really in a bind...



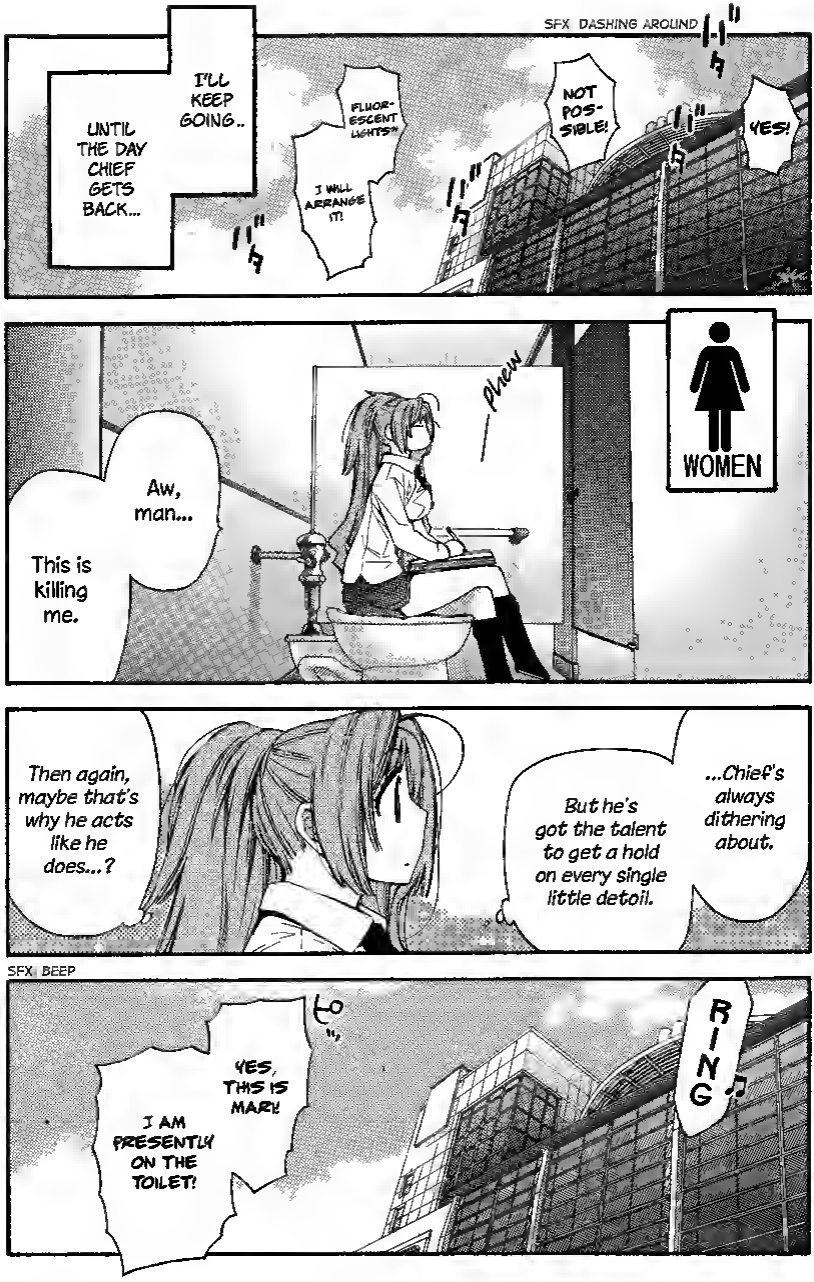
SFX: EXIT...



SFX: PLOP



Sorry to have kept you waiting, Naomi-san.
The documents have been fixed.
..YOU HAVE MY THANKS
RING♪
H-Hello?
Yes?
Hee Hee~
Ah, sorry, that's also not my decision to ma— I'll look into it now!
..SAY, MARI...
HOW ABOUT YOU ACT LIKE YOU CAN WORK WITHOUT DR SHINYA MAKING EVERY LITTLE DECISION?
Mh mm...
Easier soid than done. That Chief is the only one who truly understands everything that's going on.
..LEAN ON JUST ONE "ALL-CAPABLE PERSON" AND EVENTUALLY EVERYTHING WILL GO TO SHIT..
What I mean is...
Eh, he he
The geniuses at Eighth Research will only listen to *that* kind of person anyway...
YEAH..


SFX: DASHING AROUND
UNTIL THE DAY CHIEF GETS BACK...
I'LL KEEP GOING..
I WILL ARRANGE IT!
FLUORESCENT LIGHTS"
NOT POSSIBLE!
YES!
WOMEN
PHEW
Aw, man...
This is killing me.
Then again, maybe that's why he acts like he does...?
But he's got the talent to get a hold on every single little detail.
...Chief's always dithering about.
SFX: BEEP
I AM PRESENTLY ON THE TOILET!
YES, THIS IS MARY!
RING♪

SFX: MARCH MARCH MARCH MARCH
RING-DING
RING-DING
Ello...
The press are getting antsy?
Oh, well, I think Chief's in Alaska...
Yes indeed, I'm headed there at this very moment!
YES THANKS, MARI
Mhm!
Yes. I'll pass this on to Chief!
WE CAN'T USE THE EQUIP-MENT
Yes sir. Please stand by for the moment as we deal with the situation.
MARI
WHY THE HELL ARE THERE POLICE IN THE RESEARCH LAB?
Eh... Now what do you mean by th...
No...
For that it'd really be better if you consulted Chief, if you please.
Eh? You want a new virus?!

I wish I could be two people...
Whew...
SFX PILED UP
No, it's all in my head, just in my head...
It's piled back up...
Whoa...
As if...
SFX STAGGER
Maybe I'm just not up to the task...
...Aaah...
Hm...?
Nanny

..I ran into some cakes that seemed so for you, so...
Here they are...

S'good...!

I'll
do my
best!
RESEARCH